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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith in the above-referenced patent application is an Amendment. No additional fee is required for the amendment.

It is again pointed out to please make note of the change in attorney docket number to VTIP 00.140. This change was formally submitted to the Office on February 18, 2003.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,  
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office communication mailed March 18, 2004, please amend the above-referenced patent application pursuant to the following instructions and consider the remarks in a favorable light.

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In accordance with the revised amendment format under the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the amendment to the claims and a complete listing of all claims in the application begin on a separate sheet to facilitate separate indexing and electronic scanning of each part of the amendment document for placement in an e-file wrapper. As required, only the claim number and status indicate any canceled claim. For the convenience of Office staff, the amendment is placed in the below Appendix and incorporated herein by reference. Kindly amend the claims as highlighted therein.

This amendment omits the nonelected subject matter in original Claim 8(d). Other amendments are made to respond directly to the Office action. No new matter is added to the application by this amendment.